



**County of Los Angeles**  
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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

October 9, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**OVERTIME EXPENDED DURING THE  
STATION, MORRIS, AND PORTUGUESE BEND FIRES**

The recent catastrophic fire events in Southern California stretched public safety resources as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) worked tirelessly with our local, state, and federal partners to preserve life and property in our affected communities.

While providing law enforcement services during the Station, Morris, and Portuguese Bend Fires, the Department expended more than 102,000 hours of overtime at an expense in excess of \$7 million. Based on the Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency for these fire events, the Department will seek reimbursement from both the state and federal government. However, the Department will likely not recoup repayment for overtime costs for more than a year.

Natural and man-made emergencies often occur with little or no warning, requiring significant dedication of personnel and fiscal resources. The Department will continue to provide the highest level of law enforcement services to our communities while remaining vigilant in managing overtime and other operating costs.

*A Tradition of Service*

October 9, 2009

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Division Director Victor C. Rampulla at (323) 526-5000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leroy D. Baca". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

LEROY D. BACA  
SHERIFF